

not nearly so enterprising this side, but may take to the idea if help is given them.

Another curious fact about them is that they often run with herds of Blue Bull, and it becomes quite a problem stalking the Blues due to the added vigilants. The 'wild' cows are pugnacious especially when with young, and will rear back and stand their ground against intruders, snorting and scuffing like any ferocious bull in a village. The plentiful cover near which they generally stay indicates the possibility that cows may be going into hiding for the duration of calving, but I have once come across a cow with a calf at heel who was just about able to stand; she was ferocious and wouldn't tolerate a close approach, making short charges and feints to frighten me. I am sorry I didn't have a camera that time!

As for protection, until we can say with certainty that they inbreed and, given the opportunity, would develop special traits and characteristics, it seems somewhat unfair on the poor villager to allow them to persist and cause an annual loss of what to him is a fortune. But they certainly do add a picturesque and enthralling sight to our 'khadars', and can give good sport to a photographer by their constant and acute vigilance. Their resemblance to our Gaur is, to my knowledge, non-existent, at least in so far as appearance and habits are concerned. I wonder if some of the north-country members could give me any news about the presence of these cattle in their areas.

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4. NOTES ON A TAME TAKIN

(With a plate)

Mr. Richard D. Estes who, with Mr. Oliver M. B. Milton, is at present engaged in making a wildlife survey of Burma has sent us the cutting of an account he recently published in *The Nation* of Rangoon (25 January 1959) of a visit to Sankawng village in the Fort Hertz-Putao area of the Hkamti region to inspect a young female Takin destined for the Bronx Zoo, New York.

The article contains some interesting information which is here excerpted with the author's permission. Both the photos, one by himself the other by his colleague, have been received through the courtesy of U Tun Yin.

The animal was captured in July, when about 2 months old, nine days' foot journey to the north, and was carried thence on the hunts-



Nine-month old tame female Takin following village cattle



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